



MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Transportation Operations Coalition

From: CMAP Staff

Date: July 16, 2015

Re: Local Strategic Highway Safety Plans, Performance Measures, and Targets

Description and purpose of documents: IDOT, in an effort to advance safety within Illinois and reduce fatal and serious-injury traffic-related crashes, began to develop local Strategic Highway Safety Plans (SHSPs) that are in alignment with the state SHSP and its emphasis areas. These plans include fatality and serious injury numbers for both state and local roadways. Each local SHSP provides Emphasis Area Tables which compare the emphasis areas for the specific county to the state so that local agencies and their multi-discipline safety partners can see what the priorities for their county are and focus efforts on these priorities. Heat maps and data trees are also included to help target safety efforts. Multi-discipline safety strategies are included, but these should be discussed and adjusted based on local conditions.

These plans are being developed by IDOT to aid in establishing safety performance targets as well as to assist in the development of MPO long-range transportation plans. The local SHSPs ultimately are for use by the state agencies, MPOs, counties, cities, and other local agencies and the multi-discipline safety partners to help guide decisions, resources, and overall efforts to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

Overview of what IDOT needs from RTOC members: IDOT has held workshops with each of the counties in the CMAP region and a wide range of their safety partners. IDOT notes that it is critical for CMAP to be an active participant in the discussion of safety needs and priorities in the region. The MPO is required by federal regulations to establish performance targets for the performance measures established in the federal transportation bill, including safety. County and municipal efforts will play a factor in CMAP meeting regional targets as well as IDOT meeting the targets set for the state.

Follow-up: An in-person meeting or conference call to discuss next steps, get feedback, etc., is expected in October.

Preliminary Draft Documents: Are posted on the RTOC web page.